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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the new patent application identified above. This new patent application is a CONTINUATION of and claims priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/309,587 filed December 4, 2002, now pending. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** containing U.S. Patent No. 6,436,675 B1 is included herewith.